



# Chromium OS Build system

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# Chrome OS History

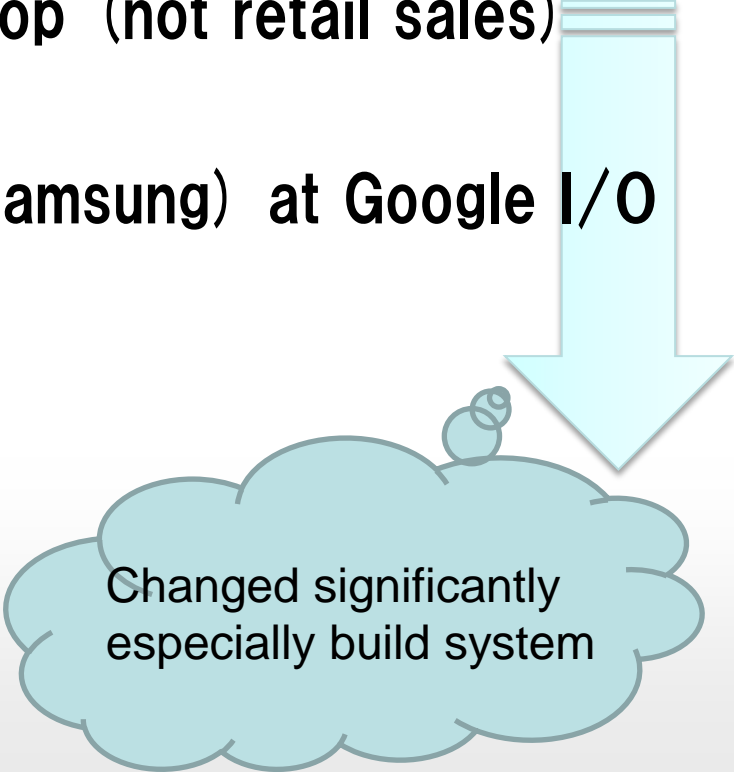
**2009.07.07 Chrome OS announcement**

**2009.11.19 source code exposure**

2010.02  
“徹底解説ChromeOSの全貌”  
by 日経Linux

**2010.12.07 Cr-48 reference laptop (not retail sales)**

**2011.05.11 Chromebook (Acer, Samsung) at Google I/O**



Changed significantly  
especially build system

# Chromium

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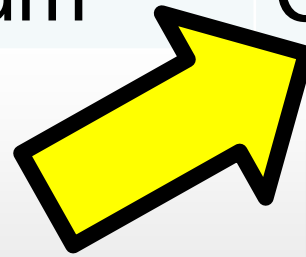
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<http://www.chromium.org/chromium-os/chromium-os-faq>

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Today's  
topic

# Information

- The Chromium Projects (<http://www.chromium.org/>)
- Chromium OS (<http://www.chromium.org/chromium-os>)
  - Developer Guide
  - FAQ
  - Overview of the source
- Gitweb (<http://git.chromium.org/>)
  - Repo + Git
- developer wiki (<http://code.google.com/p/chromium-os/>)
  - for developer-contributed or unofficial content about the Chromium OS project

# Version

Active branches: Stable/Beta/Developer preview

(2012/03)

Stable: 0.16.1193.194.0 (2012/ 1/24)

Beta: 0.18.1660.34.0 (2012/ 2/16)

Dev: 0.18.1660.20.0 (2012/ 2/12)

<MAJOR.MINOR.BUILD.PATCH>

(0.16.1193.194: MAJOR=0, MINOR=16, BUILD=1193, PATCH=194)

MAJOR and MINOR track updates to the Google Chrome stable channel.

Each branch version grows as Dev → Beta → Stable

<http://www.chromium.org/releases/version-numbers>

This presentation is based on the survey about 0.15.877

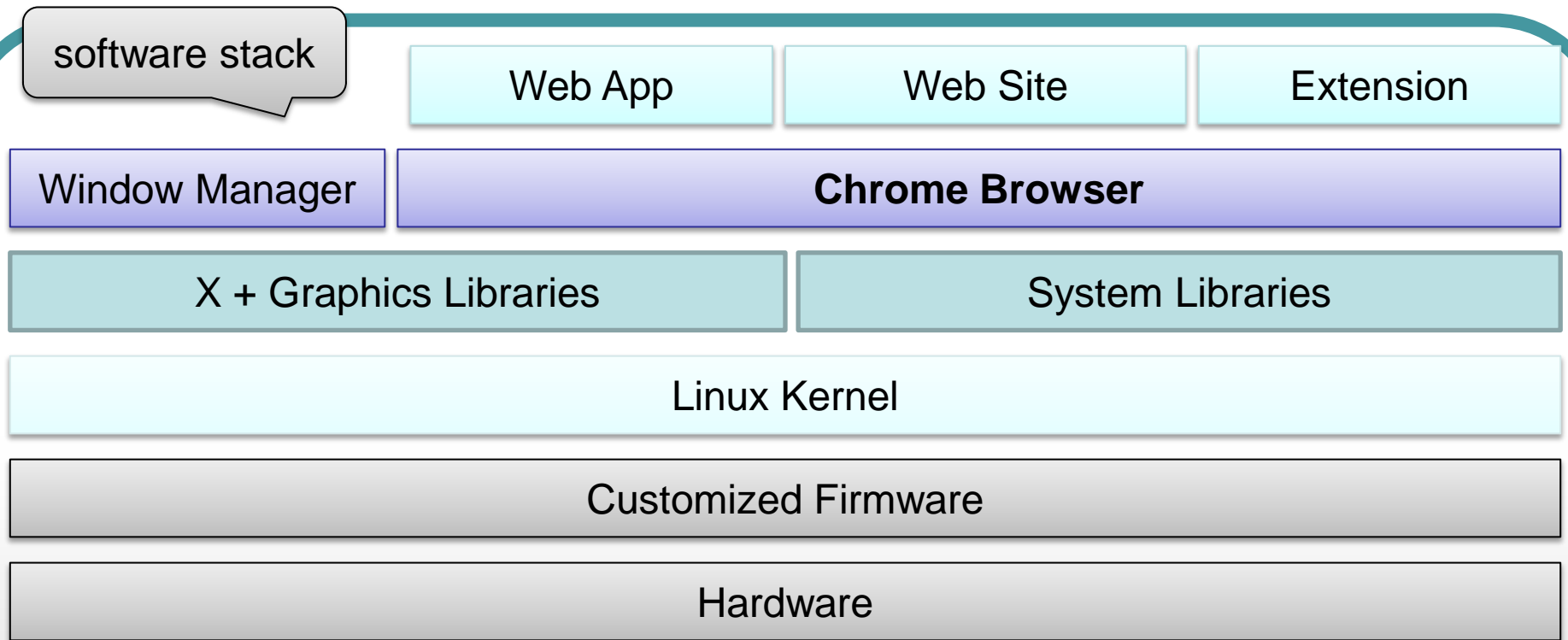
# Features

- **Log in to your Google account**
  - Multiple people can log in alternately to one device
- **Chrome Browser is started after login**
  - Available web application by Chrome Web Store
  - Share bookmark across multiple devices
- **Mechanism of fast boot**
  - Chrome OS original BIOS

# Architecture

- **Specializes in operating Chrome browser**
  - improved boot performance by removing a lot of complexity that is normally found in PC firmware

<http://www.chromium.org/chromium-os/chromiumos-design-docs/software-architecture>





# Topic

- Chromium OS Build system
  - Get toolchain ~ Build image

## Recommended environment

Ubuntu 10.04 (Lucid) 64bit  
9.10(Karmic) is not to work

4GB RAM  
linking the browser uses 4GB

4GB USB memory  
For writing a boot image

*sudo* access  
to run *chroot*

<http://www.chromium.org/chromium-os/developer-guide>

# Getting source/toolchain

```
$ mkdir chromiumos
```

```
$ cd chromiumos
```

```
$ repo init -u
```

```
https://git.chromium.org/chromiumos/manifest.git ¥
```

```
-m minilayout.xml
```

```
--repo-url https://git.chromium.org/external/repo.git
```

```
$ repo sync
```

```
$ ls
```

```
AUTHORS LICENSE chromite/ src/
```

```
$ ls src/
```

```
overlays/ platfrom/ repohooks/ scripts/ third_party/
```

```
$ ls src/third_party/
```

```
chromiumos-overlay/ portage/ portage-stable/
```

Download minimum src/tool  
Other can get when you need

# Chromium OS build steps

## 1. `$ chromite/bin/cros_sdk`

To make sure everyone uses the same exact environment and tools chroot

(cr): run inside the chroot

## 2. `(cr) ./setup_board --board=x86-generic --default` Initialize the build for a board

## 3. `(cr) ./build_packages` The rough equivalent of make all in a standard Makefile system

## 4. `(cr) ./build_image --noenable_rootfs_verification` Build a disk image for a board

## 5. `(cr) ./image_to_usb.sh --to=/dev/sdc` Put a disk image on a USB disk

# 1. cros\_sdk

To make sure everyone uses the same exact environment and tools chroot.

At first time, this command downloads sdk (521MB) and creates the chroot.

Second and subsequent, check update of sdk and enter the chroot. (and you'll be in the `~/trunk/src/scripts`)

*http\_proxy* is taken over when created chroot by **cros\_sdk**  
*ftp\_proxy*, *all\_proxy* are also. But *no\_proxy* is not.

*http\_proxy* is necessary to download sdk or packages through proxy.

If you share packages inside proxy network at the same time, *no\_proxy* also necessary.

# Patch for *no\_proxy*

Take over *no\_proxy* in the same way as *http\_proxy*,  
*ftp\_proxy*, *all\_proxy*

## src/scripts/sdk\_lib/enter\_chroot.sh

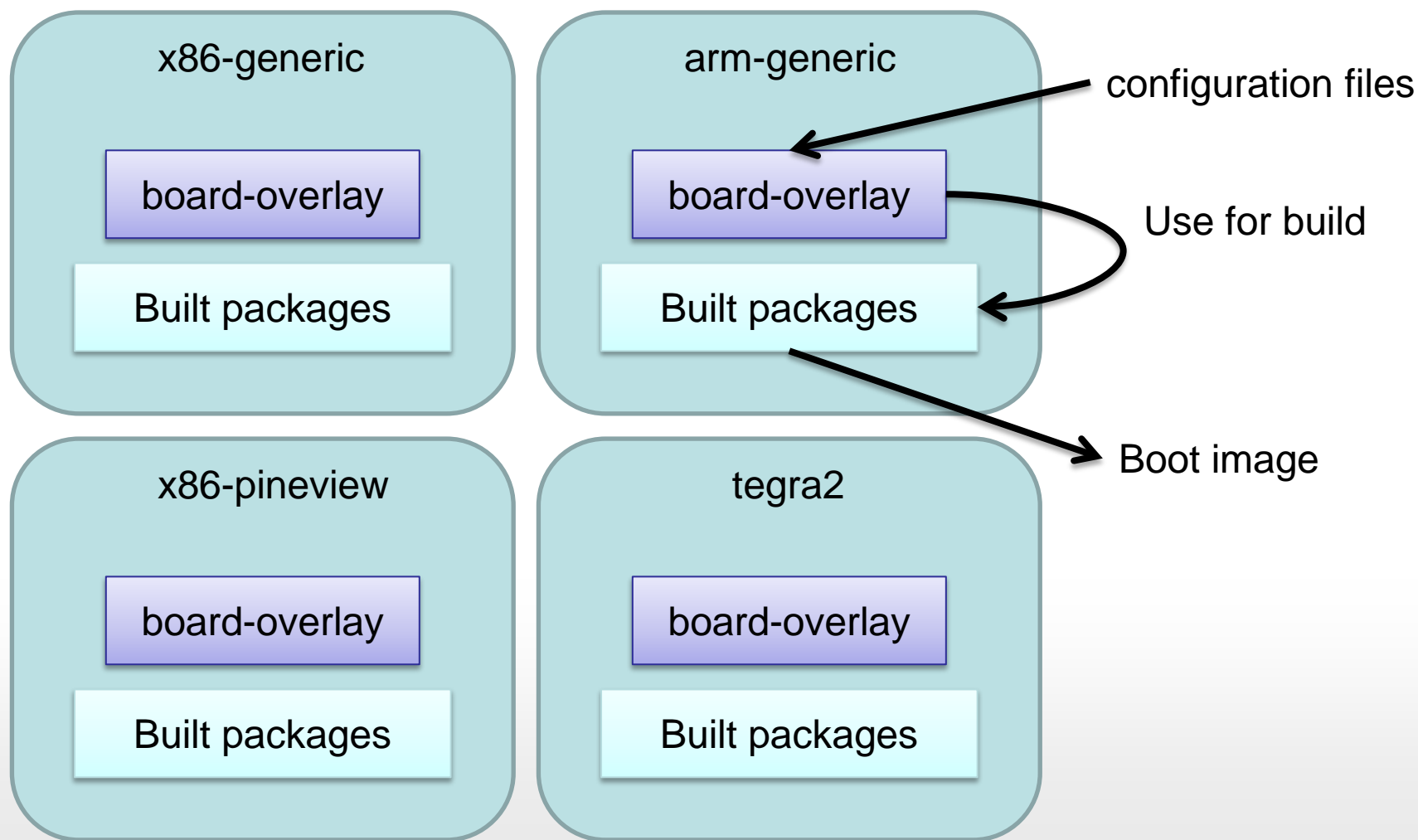
```
389 389 CHROMEOS_VERSION_DEVSERVER=${CHROMEOS_VERSION_DEVSERVER}"
390 390
391 391 # Pass proxy variables into the environment.
392 for type in http_proxy ftp_proxy all_proxy GIT_PROXY_COMMAND GIT_SSH; do
392 for type in http_proxy ftp_proxy all_proxy no_proxy GIT_PROXY_COMMAND GIT_SSH; do
393 393 eval value=¥¥${type}
394 394 if [ -n "${value}" ]; then
395 395 CHROOT_PASSTHRU="${CHROOT_PASSTHRU} ${type}=${value}"
```

## src/scripts/sdk\_lib/make\_chroot

```
170 170 bash_chroot "echo Defaults env_keep += http_proxy >> /etc/sudoers"
171 171 bash_chroot "echo Defaults env_keep += ftp_proxy >> /etc/sudoers"
172 172 bash_chroot "echo Defaults env_keep += all_proxy >> /etc/sudoers"
173 bash_chroot "echo Defaults env_keep += no_proxy >> /etc/sudoers"
173 174 bash_chroot "echo %adm ALL=¥(ALL¥) ALL >> /etc/sudoers"
174 175 bash_chroot "echo root ALL=¥(ALL¥) ALL >> /etc/sudoers"
175 176 bash_chroot "echo $USER ALL=NOPASSWD: ALL >> /etc/sudoers"
... ...
293 294 CHROOT_PASSTHRU=(CROS_WORKON_SRCROOT="$CHROOT_TRUNK"
PORTAGE_USERNAME="$USER")
294 295
295 296 # Pass proxy variables into the environment.
296 for type in http ftp all; do
297 for type in http ftp all no; do
297 298 value=$(env | grep ${type}_proxy || true)
298 299 if [ -n "${value}" ]; then
299 300 CHROOT_PASSTHRU="(${CHROOT_PASSTHRU[@]} " "${value})"
```

## 2. setup\_board

Choose a board for your first build in `src/overlays/`  
Built packages put into `chroot/build/<board>`



# board, variant

Different classes of computers are referred to by Chromium OS as different target "boards"

cf. [src/overlays/README](#)

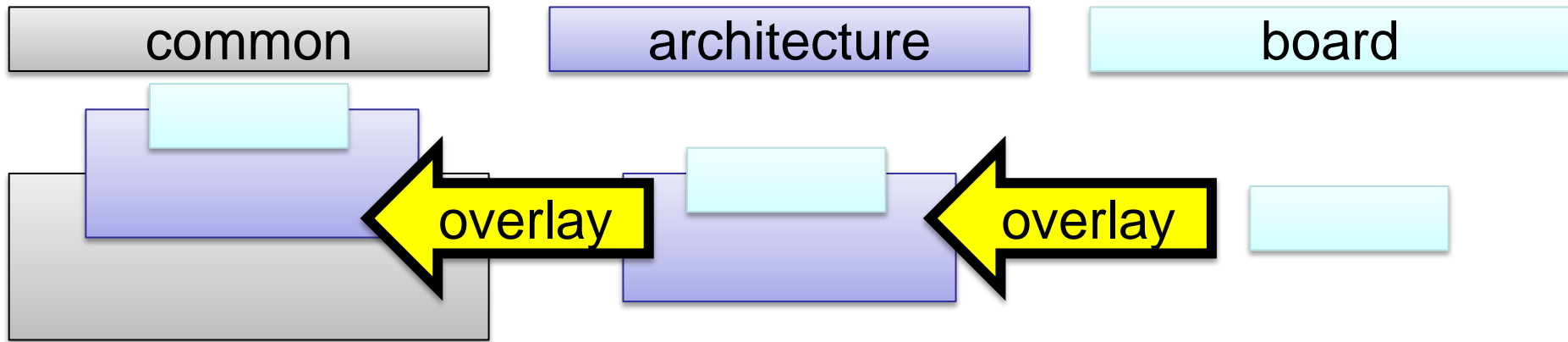
- board
- variant  
variant of board

ex.)

- arch: x86, arm
- board: x86-pineview, tegra2, x86-generic, arm-generic
- variant: tegra2-seaboard, tegra2-dev-board

# overlay

- Separate common config, arch, board

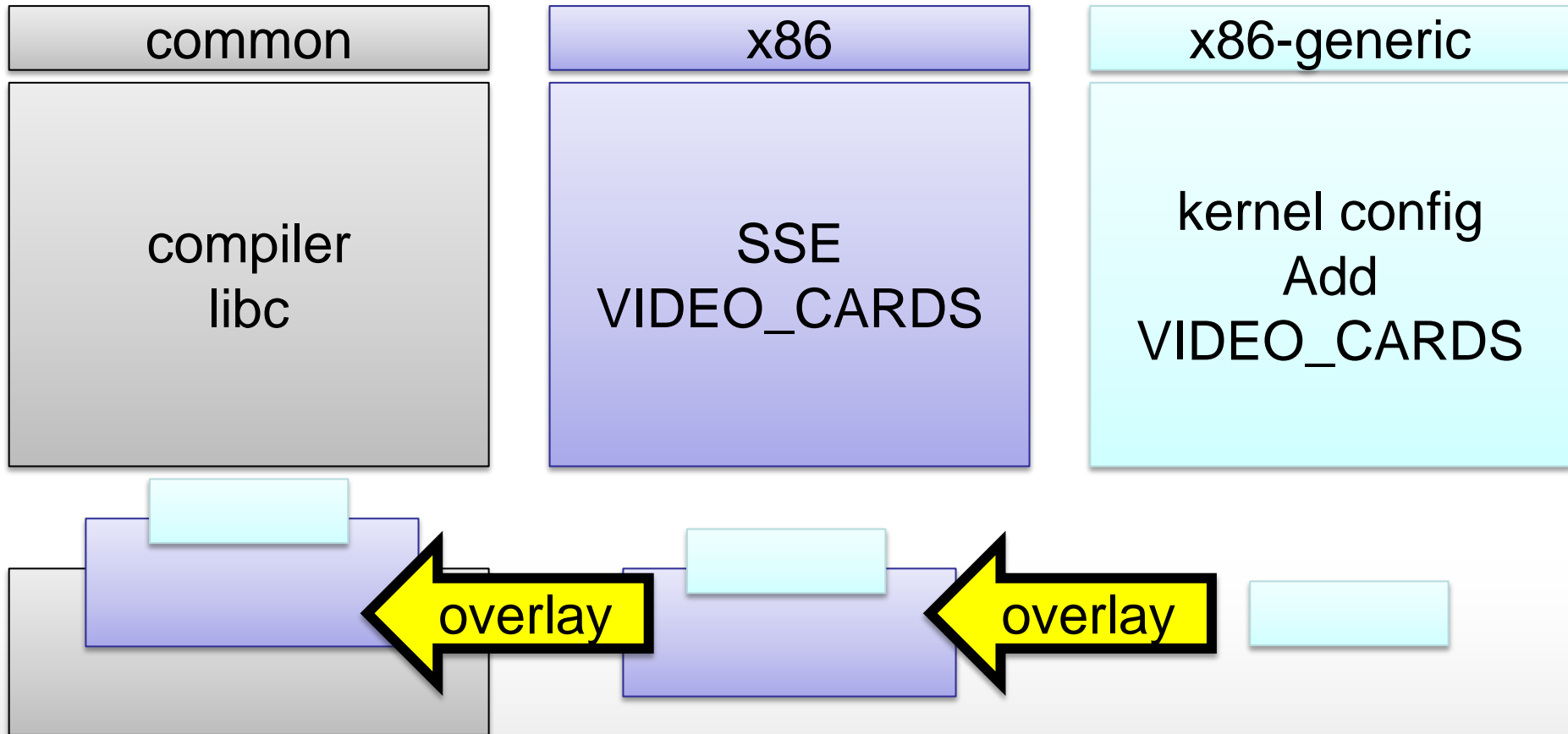


Easily support different models  
Avoid redundant description



# Example

- x86-generic overlay



# overlay-x86-generic/make.conf

**VIDEO\_CARDS = VIDEO\_CARDS + intel, nouveau, radeon**

```
CHROMEOS_KERNEL_SPLITCONFIG="chromiumos-i386"
```

```
# PORTAGE_BINHOST is pulled in from prebuilt.conf  
source prebuilt.conf
```

```
VIDEO_CARDS="${VIDEO_CARDS} intel nouveau radeon"
```

```
MARCH_TUNE="-march=core2 -mfpmath=sse"
```

```
CFLAGS="-O2 -pipe ${MARCH_TUNE} -ggdb"
```

```
CXXFLAGS="${CFLAGS}"
```

```
LDFLAGS=""
```

```
# Copyright (c) 2009 The Chromium OS Authors. All rights reserved.  
# Use of this source code is governed by a BSD-style license that can be  
# found in the LICENSE file.
```

### Config for x86 architecture

```
(...omission...)
```

```
# Recommended x86-specific USE flags.  
USE="${USE} mmx sse sse2 dri hardened"
```

```
# Recommended MARCH_TUNE, CFLAGS, etc.  
MARCH_TUNE="-march=atom -mtune=atom -mfpmath=sse"  
CFLAGS="-O2 -pipe ${MARCH_TUNE} -ggdb"  
CXXFLAGS="${CFLAGS}"  
LDFLAGS=""
```

```
VIDEO_CARDS="intel vmware vesa"  
INPUT_DEVICES="evdev synaptics"
```

```
# Allow a board to override or define additional settings.  
source make.conf.board
```

# Linux Kernel in Chromium OS

**Version: 2.6.38.3 (Chromium OS version 0.15.877)**

**Kernel src: src/third\_party/kernel/files/**

**config: files/chromeos/config/** (Hierarchical)

Family  
(common)

Architecture

Flavour  
(platform)

**script: files/chromeos/scripts/**

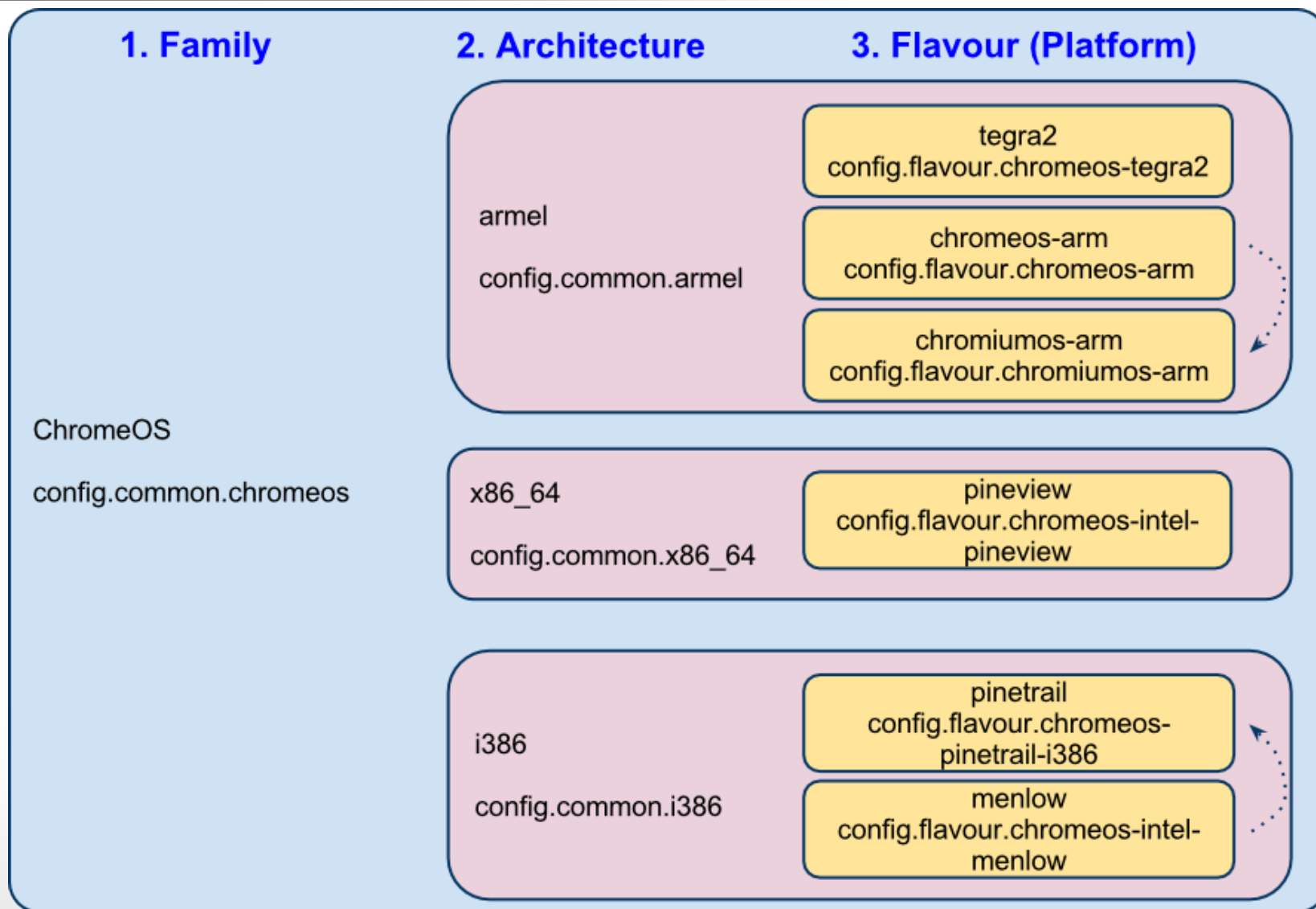
**kernelconfig**

**prepareconfig**

**splitconfig**

[Cf. http://www.chromium.org/chromium-os/how-tos-and-troubleshooting/kernel-configuration](http://www.chromium.org/chromium-os/how-tos-and-troubleshooting/kernel-configuration)

# Kernel config hierarchy



<http://www.chromium.org/chromium-os/how-to-and-troubleshooting/kernel-configuration>

# Edit kernel config

1. Look for the kernel config option you want to edit  
If you want to add new option, edit Flavour.
2. Edit that file to change the config
3. Run script to recreate configs based on your changes  
`$ kernelconfig oldconfig`

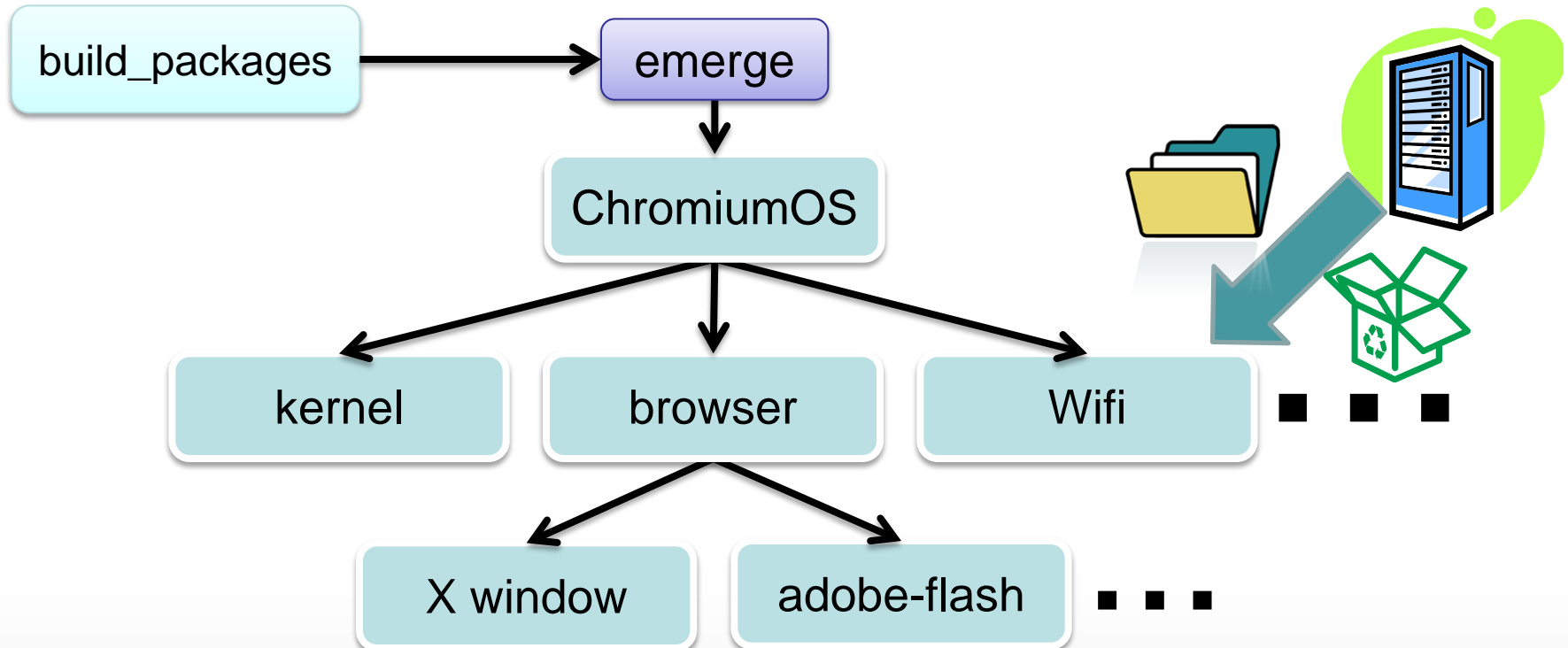
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### 3. build\_packages

- Portage of Gentoo Linux is adopted
- Pre-built packages are distributed



Can skip the download / compile source code  
Can be compiled code only the parts that need to change

# 3. build\_packages

It will take a long time in the first time you run

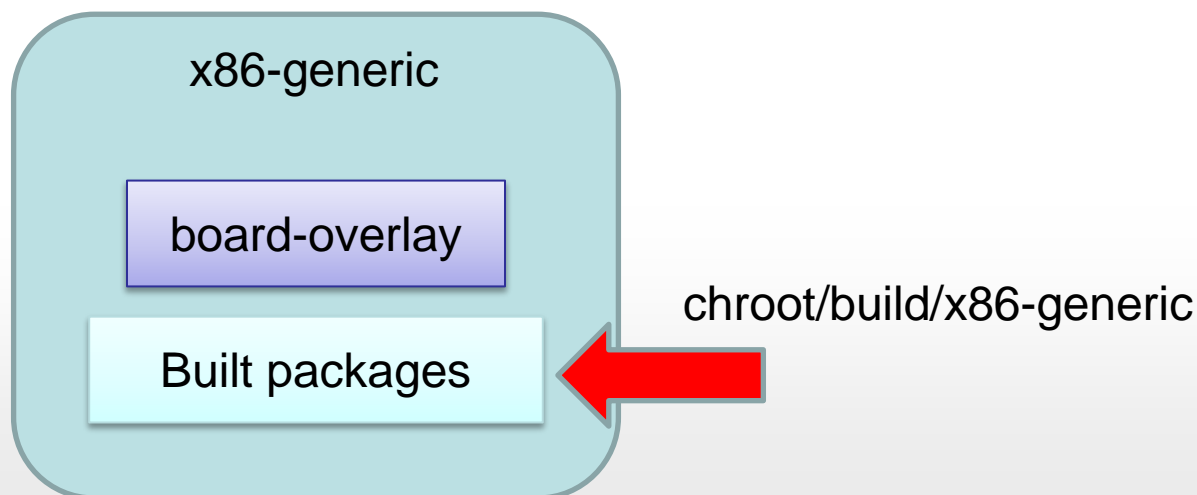
It must build every package, and also download about 1.7GB of source packages and 1.3GB of binary packages.

(around 90 minutes on a four core machine)

By default, packages other than Chrome will be compiled in debug mode.

For remove debugging constructs, supply **--nowithdebug**

Built packages put into chroot/build/<board>





# 4. build\_image

Build a disk image for your board

Supply argument to specify the type of image to build

Lower order of priority of options

kind	feature	argument
Developer image	Include developer packages	(default)
Pristine Image	Without developer packages	--nowithdev
Test image	Start sshd on boot Can run_remote_tests.sh through the ethernet.	--test
Factory image	Run factory test automatically Include packages that Test image include.	--factory
Factory install image	Install factory image to device	--factory_install

**--noenable\_rootfs\_verification**

turns off verified boot allowing you to freely modify the root file system

the time of  
version 0.15.877

# 4. build\_image

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kind	feature	argument
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Pristine Image	Without developer packages	base
Test image	Start sshd on boot Can run_remote_tests.sh through the ethernet.	test
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Factory install image	Install factory image to device	factory_install

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2012/03

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# 5. image\_to\_usb.sh

Put your image on a USB disk

```
(cr) ./image_to_usb.sh --to=/dev/sdc
```

Boot from your USB disk

after that, you can install to HDD by  
/usr/sbin/chromeos-install from console

(Another way) Build an image to run in a virtual machine

```
(cr) ./image_to_vm.sh
```

# Install to HDD

This operation wipes HDD clean

If your image includes developer packages,  
you can open console by 'Ctrl+Alt+F2',  
and install image to HDD by run */usr/sbin/chromeos-install*.

## **build\_image --nowithdev**

not include the developer packages

→ can not open console

→ can not install image to HDD

by */usr/sbin/chromeos-install* from console

→ use factory\_install image

# Factory\_install image

## Prepare 3 images

1. factory\_install image
2. factory\_test image
3. release image (finally installed image)



## A) Make a image that integrates the three images

```
(cr) ./make_factory_packages.sh ¥  
    --usbimg output_image  
    --install_shim factory_install_image  
    --factory factory_test_image  
    --release release_image
```

Not support legacy  
BIOS  
(0.15.877)

## B) Prepare the server that provide a image to be installed

```
(cr) ./make_factory_packages.sh ¥  
    --factory factory_test_image  
    --release release_image
```

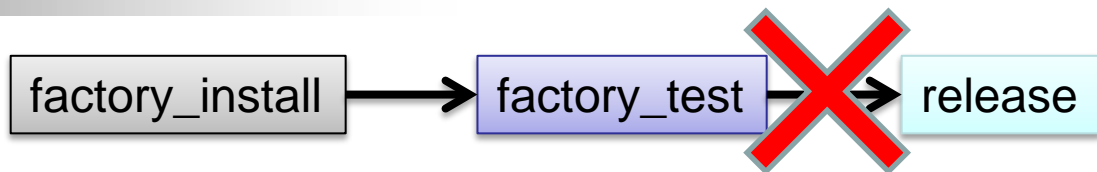
Start server: `python2.6 devserver.py --factory_config miniomaha.conf`

## Boot target with factory\_install image

# Factory\_install image

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If test fails,  
release image is not installed

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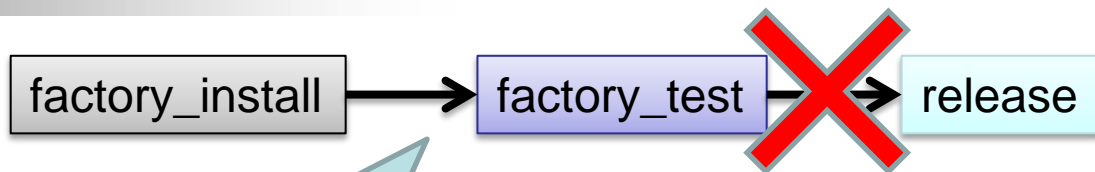
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## Boot target with factory\_install image

# Factory\_install image

## Prepare 3 images

1. factory\_install image
2. factory\_test image
3. release image (finally installed image)



If test failed,  
Don't install release image

## A) Make a image that install three images

(cr) ./make\_f

## B) Prepare the

(cr) ./make

Start server:

Boot target with factory\_install image

You can write any image to HDD instead of  
factory test image.

# Partitions of boot image

partition	type	purpose	size
1	ext3	Stateful partition	1GB
2		kernel A (bootloader & kernel for Chrome OS BIOS)	16MB
3	ext2	rootfs A (include kernel for EFI BIOS)	858MB
4		kernel B (use for upgrade)	16MB
5		rootfs B (use for upgrade)	512B
6		kernel C (placeholder for future use only)	512B
7		rootfs C (placeholder for future use only)	512B
8		OEM Customization	16MB
9		Future use	512B
10		Future use	512B
11		Read/Write firmware	8MB
12	vfat	EFI System Partition (temporary)	16MB

Empty when you create the image

Cf. [src/scripts/chromeos-common.sh](#)



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Use for factory\_test image

Use for release image

Empty when you create the image

Cf. [src/scripts/chromeos-common.sh](#)

# Boot with NFSROOT

- Boot from USB disk + use NFSROOT as rootfs
  - use chroot/build/<board> as NFSROOT
- Necessary operation:
  - Exclude the impact of building factory\_test packages (later)
  - add `CONFIG_IP_PNP=y, CONFIG_IP_PNP_DHCP=y, CONFIG_R8169=y` to `src/third_party/chromiumos-overlay/sys-kernel/chromeos-kernel/files/nfs.config`
  - edit `script` so that you can specify kernel cmdline `root=/dev/nfs` (later)
  - (cr) `USE="nfs" ./build_image --boot_args="noinitrd pci=noacpi rw nfsroot=xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx:/path_to_chroot/chroot/build/<board> ip=dhcp" --noenable_rootfs_verification`
  - disable iptables (later)

content of --boot_args	description
pci=noacpi	Need to be recognized NIC Root cause is unknown
rw	mount rootfs with readable/writeable
xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx	IP address of NFS server
ip=dhcp	get IP address by DHCP

# edit `src/scripts/build_library/create_legacy_bootloader_templates.sh`

```
--- a/create_legacy_bootloader_templates.sh
+++ b/create_legacy_bootloader_templates.sh
@@ -111,6 +111,13 @@ EOF
    fi
    info "Emitted $ {SYSLINUX_DIR} /default.cfg"

+ if [[ ${common_args} == *nfsroot=* ]]; then
+   FLAGS_usb_disk="/dev/nfs"
+   usb_root="/dev/nfs"
+ else
+   usb_root="/dev/sdb3"
+ fi
+
    cat <<EOF | sudo dd of="$ {SYSLINUX_DIR} /usb.A.cfg" 2>/dev/null
    label chromeos-usb.A
    menu label chromeos-usb.A
@@ -191,7 +198,7 @@ menuentry "verified image B" {

# FIXME: usb doesn't support verified boot for now
menuentry "Alternate USB Boot" {
- linux (hd0,3) /boot/vmlinuz $ {common_args} root=/dev/sdb3 i915.modeset=1 cros_efi
+ linux (hd0,3) /boot/vmlinuz $ {common_args} root=$ {usb_root} i915.modeset=1 cros_efi
}
EOF
if [[ ${FLAGS_enable_rootfs_verification} -eq $ {FLAGS_TRUE} ]]; then
```

specify kernel cmdline  
`root=/dev/nfs`

# Exclude the impact of building factory\_test packages

--withfactory options in build\_packages is enabled by default. (add --nowithfactory to disable)

Changed boot sequence in build\_packages --withfactory  
→Get in the way of NFSROOT

Once build\_packages --withfactory, need to do below for exclude the impact of building factory\_test packages.

```
(cr) emerge-x86-generic --depclean chromeos-base/chromeos-factoryinstall # uninstall chromeos-base/chromeos-factoryinstall
(cr) emerge-x86-generic --depclean chromeos-base/factorytest_init      # uninstall chromeos-base/factorytest_init
(cr) sudo rm -f /build/x86-generic/root/.leave_firmware_alone         # remove files that chromeos-base/chromeos-factoryinstall creates
(cr) emerge-x86-generic -av chromeos-base/chromeos-init              # reinstall chromeos-base/chromeos-init to fix init script
(cr) emerge-x86-generic -av app-laptop/laptop-mode-tools             # reinstall app-laptop/laptop-mode-tools to restore 99-laptop-mode.rules
```

# disable iptables

edit two files

**chroot/build/x86-generic/etc/init/iptables.conf**

**chroot/build/x86-generic/etc/init/ip6tables.conf**

```
--- iptables.conf.org
+++ iptables.conf
@@ -6,7 +6,7 @@
author      "chromium-os-dev@chromium.org"

# We must run eventually even if the UI doesn't come up correctly.
-start on starting failsafe
+start on never #start on starting failsafe

script
iptables -P INPUT DROP
```

# Other than NFSROOT

If the test image, such as sshd is up and running...

- **image\_to\_live.sh** update image and reboot via ethernet
- **update\_kernel.sh** update kernel and reboot via ethernet
- **gmerge** (run on target) request packages to devserver via ethernet
  - (cr) **./start\_devserver** on host to use devserver

<http://www.chromium.org/chromium-os/testing/running-tests>

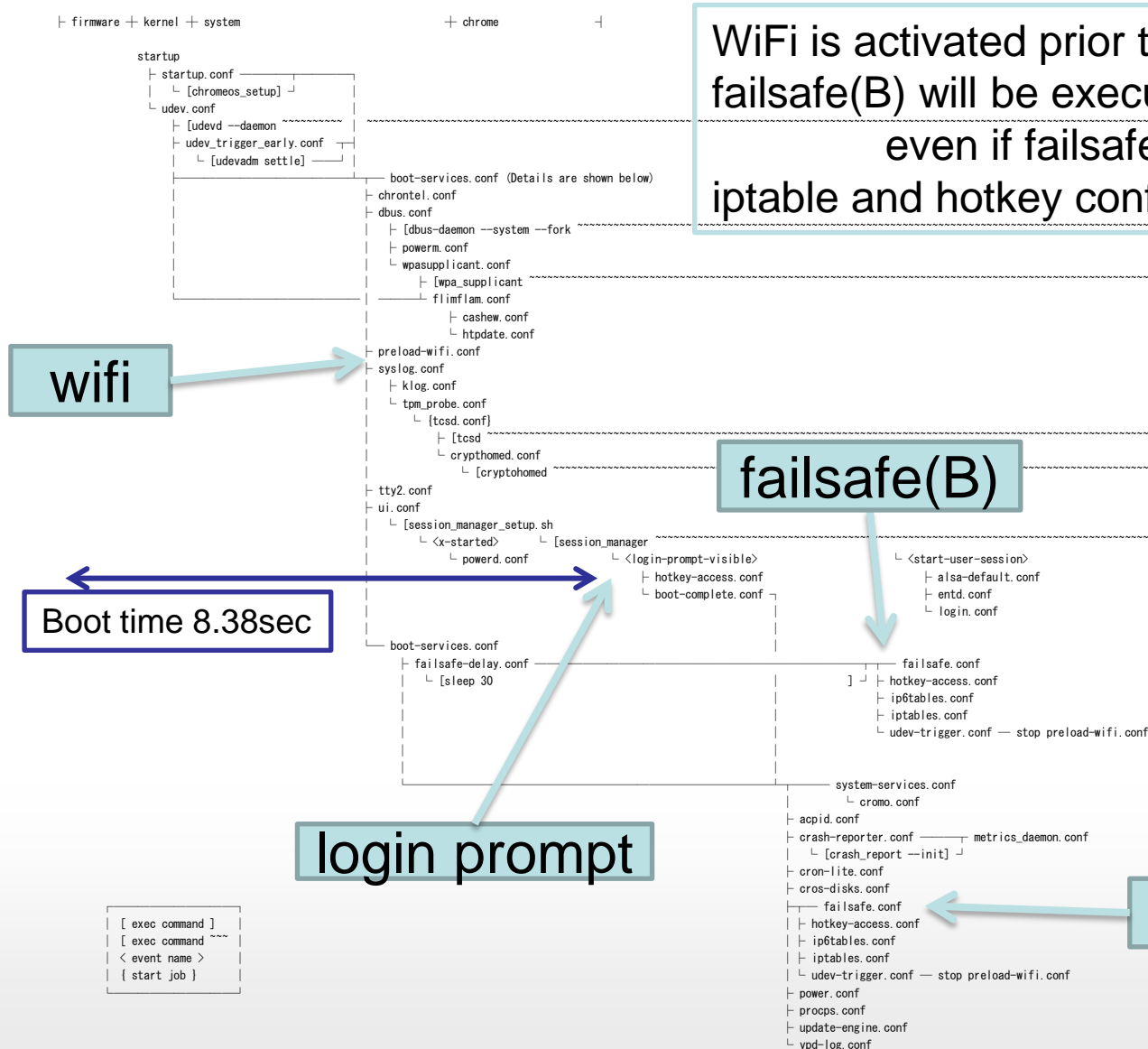
<http://www.chromium.org/chromium-os/how-tos-and-troubleshooting/kernel-faq>

<http://www.chromium.org/chromium-os/how-tos-and-troubleshooting/using-the-dev-server>

## Two ways to start sshd on Developer image

- change before build  
add below to `create_base_image()` in `build_image`  
`sudo sed -i 's/#for_test //' "$ {ROOT_FS_DIR} /etc/init/openssh-server.conf"`
- change after boot  
add below to `/etc/init/openssh-server.conf`  
`start on stopped iptables and ip6tables`

# Boot sequence



WiFi is activated prior to the display login prompt.  
failsafe(B) will be executed after 30 seconds  
even if failsafe(A) can not be executed.  
iptables and hotkey configuration in failsafe(A/B)

Boot time	8.38 (sec)
firmware	4.98
kernel	1.06
system	1.09
chrome	1.25

(Celeron B800 Note PC)

# Conclusion/reference

- **Conclusion**

- 5 scripts to build
- Build system using Portage
- Can use NFSROOT
- Mechanism of fast boot

- **Reference**

- <http://www.chromium.org/chromium-os>

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